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SUBJECT: SERBIA TO ABSTAIN ON UNGA RESOLUTIONS WITH ANTI-ISRAEL BIAS

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¶1. (SBU) Vladan Lazovic, First Secretary with the MFA Human Rights Directorate, told PolOff on November 21 that Serbia likely will abstain on the UNGA resolutions reaffirming the existence and activities of three UN bodies that promote a culture of bias against Israel (reftel).

¶2. (SBU) Lazovic said that he did not anticipate that Serbia, which abstained or was absent on all three votes in 2007, would change its position. Lazovic said Serbia would align itself with the stance adopted by the European Union, noting that many EU countries abstained or were absent during 2007 voting on the three resolutions.

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